

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/012076-2023>

Planning

## **Department for Business and Trade – Bill of Lading Shipping Data – Early Engagement Questionnaire**

Department for Business and Trade (formally Department for International Trade)

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-012076

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03c493

Published 27 April 2023, 8:52am

### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Department for Business and Trade (formally Department for International Trade)

London

#### **Email**

[commercialddat@trade.gov.uk](mailto:commercialddat@trade.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-business-and-trade](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-business-and-trade)

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

## **I.5) Main activity**

Economic and financial affairs

---

## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Department for Business and Trade – Bill of Lading Shipping Data – Early Engagement Questionnaire

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72300000 - Data services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Department for Business and Trade (DBT) (previously known as Department for International Trade), has a potential requirement for the provision of Bill Of Lading Shipping Data.

The requirement is for Bill of Lading database and/or service for exports from the UK where a container leaves from a UK port and imports to the UK where the container lands

at a UK port or the container lands at a foreign port but with a final destination of the UK. The data that is provided under the Contract will be in the context of UK to World trade, and World to UK trade.

DBT wishes to conduct an Early Engagement Questionnaire with relevant suppliers.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £560,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 48611000 - Database software package

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Department for Business and Trade (DBT) (previously known as Department for International Trade), has a potential requirement for the provision of Bill Of Lading Shipping Data.

The requirement is for Bill of Lading database and/or service for exports from the UK where a container leaves from a UK port and imports to the UK where the container lands at a UK port or the container lands at a foreign port but with a final destination of the UK. The data that is provided under the Contract will be in the context of UK to World trade, and World to UK trade.

The Authority currently has a Contract with ThinkData Works, to provide this data to DBT, Department for Transport (DfT) and Office for National Statistics (ONS) up to November 2023.

The data set will be procured and managed by DBT. However, the data set will be used in conjunction with other departments. Colleagues from DBT, DfT and ONS will have full access to the service and data once the Contract starts, preferably through DBT's systems. DBT is also exploring options to share record level data with other Government

Departments.

The Secretary of State for DBT is the contracting authority responsible for meeting this anticipated requirement. DBT intends to publish the Contract Notice in May 2023, with a contract start date in November 2023.

It is anticipated the contract shall be for a period of 24 months, including any available contract option(s). The requirement has an estimated total value of £560,000 including VAT and this value includes any available contract option(s).

At this stage, DBT wants to understand the view of the market in terms of its approach to this requirement, key considerations, and costings. Information that it gathers will be used to refine requirements to ensure they are fit for suppliers to deliver against.

It should be noted that DBT makes no commitment to procure these services and may decide to not progress this any further following this engagement with the market. DBT reserves the right to change any information contained within the Early Engagement documentation at any time, and Potential Suppliers rely upon any information provided entirely at their own risk.

Please email [CommercialDDaT@trade.gov.uk](mailto:CommercialDDaT@trade.gov.uk) to gain access to our Early Market Engagement Questionnaire.

Please submit your completed questionnaire by no later than 12:00 GMT on 09/05/2023.

DBT will review the submissions, and this will aid internal decision making ahead of the Contract Notice. This is not a formal invitation to tender.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

29 May 2023

---

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes